

BLIND BOYS PLAY HARD FOOTBALL

Despite Handicap Team Made
Game Fight Against Those
Who Could See.

RUSHED AND KICKED WELL

Tandem Play Was a Favorite.
Some of Their Tackles Bordered
On the Marvellous.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., November 4.—Eleven blind boys, representatives of the Kentucky Institute for the Blind, contested with the Crescent Hill eleven, made up of boys who reside in Crescent Hill. The game was as rough and fierce as the usual run of football games. The score, 17 to 6 in favor of Crescent Hill, does not represent the respective merits of the two teams. Although handicapped by sightless eyes, the boys of the institute eleven executed, with almost the success of their normally sighted opponents, mass plays, line backs, end runs and even fake plays. It was a remarkable sight to see how the blind boys went into the game. They played so well and so orderly that chance spectators could scarcely be induced to believe that the players in the green jerseys were blind.

The rules of the game were somewhat modified. The ball used was the association sphere, instead of the Rugby oval. This change was made because the blind boys have to be guided almost entirely by hearing, and would be at serious disadvantage if the oval, which bounds most erratically, were used. The goal kicking feature of the regular game was abandoned, and the quarterback of the opposing team was required to call "Pass" when he made the signal for the ball to be put in motion. This was done so as to give the blind boys the signal to charge. In other respects the game was not different from that played by college teams.

Captain Short, of the blind boys, won toss and chose the kick-off. The instant the signal to play was given he ran forward and raised the ball in the air. It was caught by a member of the other team, and he, with his mates around him, charged down the field toward the institute goal.

Guided by the sound of the tramping feet, the blind players threw themselves in front of the moving mass and effectively broke it. The man with the ball attempted to escape around the end, but was followed by Smith, the blind quarterback, whose quick ears had detected his movement. Smith intercepted the flying runner, and after getting close enough leaped and tackled him in the most approved fashion. The two teams then lined up in the center of the field, the blind boys being led into position by the officials, or arranging themselves by calling to others on the team.

Crescent Hill attempted to gain by kicking the line, but was met with a successful resistance.

Every blind boy in the team was in the line, and those behind plunged with all their might in the direction of the goal. Boys with sightless eyes and those with eyes closed indiscriminately ran over each other.

Crescent Hill took advantage of the blind players and gained a touchdown by a long end run. It was in that way that all the scores were made, each time the man with the ball was pursued to the goal line by boys with sightless eyes and groping hands.

When the blind boys had the ball the story was different. On the kick of the ball when it struck the ground and instantly sprang in that direction. In the scrimmage the institute boys were at their best. After the kick off following Crescent Hill's first touchdown the opposing players lined up near the center. "X-R-O-X-X," called Smith, the blind quarterback. Then he shouted "Pass" and gave the ball to Captain Short, who plunged into the line, turning his back as he received it. He was followed closely by A. Short, right half back, and Perkins, left half back, who had followed with their hands on his shoulders. When the blind tandem hit the line all rushed and pulled with utmost strength.

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Before the ball was stopped three yards had been gained.

The tandem play was the favorite of the institute boys, and was the one they worked with most success. Often the blind guards, Coover and Routh, were interchanged with the sightless half backs, and the line backs were made by them. It was a remarkable sight to see the blind boys plunge into the line with utter abandon, although they could know nothing of how they were going to be treated, nor in what shape opposition could be offered.

Another remarkable feature was the quickness in which they adapted themselves to conditions. They were not given to making fouls, and with an unerring judgment singled out the man who was carrying the ball when they tackled. Once Smith, the blind quarterback, deceived the Crescent Hill boys into believing that he was going to send his men through the line and fought his way around the left end for twenty yards before he was downed. Several times Smith, who, with Captain Short, was in every play, made tackles that would do credit to any boy in possession of all his senses.

TEST IN SWIMMING BEFORE GRADUATION

Cornell Requires All Students
to Pass Examination Before
Completion of Courses.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ITHACA, N. Y., November 4.—In view of the fact that recent wars have conclusively demonstrated that a soldier who cannot swim is so much dead timber in the command, and that the United States navy refuses to graduate from West Point or Annapolis cadets who are unable to swim, no student will be credited with a passing mark for the spring term's drill who has not previously passed an examination in swimming satisfactory to the professor of physical culture.

This order, just issued by Captain Frank A. Barton, commandant of the corps of cadets of Cornell University, practically makes swimming a requirement for graduation from Cornell. Military drill is required of all male students, and it is now required that the rule is thus far-reaching in its effects, and makes Cornell the only college in the country to require a swimming test for the satisfactory completion of its courses.

TOLEDOES MAY JOIN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Made Big Money This Year and
Will Make Effort to Acquire
Detroit's Franchise.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TOLEDO, OHIO, November 4.—Based on the statement and action of Andrew Rudolph, representing several of the owners of the Detroit base-ball team, local base-ball men are making the broad statement that the Toledo team has a great chance to be in the American League next season. Rudolph is hot after the Toledo franchise and has offered almost enough to buy Bill Armour, also interested, apparently thinks well of Toledo. It is a fact that Detroit, with a winning team, lost money, while Toledo, with a tailender, made big money. This was largely because of the Sunday ball played in Toledo. Judging from these facts, it looks as though an effort will be made to get the franchise and then transfer the Detroit Americans to Toledo.

This is, of course, entirely unofficial information, but when sifted down in connection with the strenuous efforts of the Detroiters to get control, it bears the earmarks of truth.

WELL-KNOWN SPORTING MAN DIES IN BROOKLYN

"Charley" Johnston, Backer of
John L. Sullivan, Passes Away
After a Short Illness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, November 4.—The death of "Charley" Johnston marks the passing away of Brooklyn's oldest and best known sporting man. Johnston died at his home, No. 54 South Elliott Place, yesterday morning from Bright's disease.

Johnston began his sporting career in Brooklyn soon after his return from the Civil War, in which he had fought with a Brooklyn regiment. He opened a saloon at No. 54 Fulton Street, which became the headquarters for the sporting element of that city. At this time the old Atlantic base-ball team was at its zenith, and Johnston became the backer of the club. The team toured the country and brought back many trophies of victory, which were placed on exhibition in Johnston's place.

The only prize fighter that Johnston ever backed was John L. Sullivan. He met the fighter before the latter's battle with Jake Kilrain, and the two became fast friends. Johnston won a large sum of money on Sullivan in this fight, but lost some of it on the Sullivan-Corbett contest.

"Charley," as he was always familiarly called, was fifty-nine years old and married, but he never had any children. The services will be held from his late residence to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HORSEMEN RULED OFF.

Jockey Club Stewards Investigate
Freckman Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, November 4.—At a meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club M. L. Mitchell, in whose name the horse Freckman, alias Cataract, was entered at Jamaica in the sixth race on October 30th, Trainer M. Steel and J. V. Wilkins and the horse Freckman were ruled off the turf.

The application of R. H. Brown to be restored to good standing was denied, and the following licenses were granted: Trainers, N. K. Beale, R. Brooks, G. W. Dodge, James Dumas, G. J. Engleking, W. H. Henry, Thomas H. Morton, J. B. Skiles and E. Van Keuren and Jockeys Harry Brown, Richard Blacklock, Arnold Clare and Richard Geddes. B. S. Howland was appointed steward to represent the Jockey Club at the next meeting of the Washington Jockey Club, and Joseph Murphy was appointed judge and handicapper.

FOOT-BALL MELEE.

Game Between Oak Ridge and
Roanoke Results in a Fight.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., November 4.—The foot-ball game here this afternoon between Oak Ridge and Roanoke College, Virginia, terminated in a "fack" between the players and spectators, by which it is alleged that Roanoke College forfeited the game to Oak Ridge. The score when the fight ended was 10 to 6 in favor of Roanoke College. No one was seriously hurt in the melee.

INDIANS RINGER WON HORSE RACE

Sly Winnebagoes Sent to Ken-
tucky for An Animal That
Could Win.

SHARP WHITES WERE FLEECE

Horse Was Like One That Had
Often Raced and They Entered
Him Under Same Name.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINNEBAGO AGENCY, NEB., November 4.—As the result of a horse race, in which the Winnebagoes ran in a "ringer" against Sioux City sporting men, who had come to the reservation with the idea of getting a large share of the \$100,000 which the government recently distributed to members of that tribe, the Indians are several thousand dollars richer and the Sioux City gamblers are that much poorer.

Every Western Indian is a lover of horses and an inveterate gambler. He is ready at any time to bet his last cent, his horse, his tepee, squaw or anything of value that he may have.

The white men in the towns about the reserve have gauged all the horses belonging to the Indians, and it has been the habit to get up races with the Winnebagoes and run in a horse from a distance which was sure of capturing the prize.

A race of this character was gotten up last week, and sporting men from Sioux City came down with Pat O'Ryan, a race horse of Northwestern Iowa, which took first prize in all the county fair races this fall. O'Ryan was known to be faster than anything on the reservation, and the whites backed him for \$1,000 in a pile, and were prepared to cover all the side money the Indians could get. The Indians had just received \$100,000 on account of a land deal.

It was arranged to run the race on the track in Pender. The Indians had signified their intention of running Bald Eagle against O'Ryan, and the whites smiled. The Indians took everything that was offered.

The horses came out on the track. O'Ryan was apical and span and looked the racer to even a novice. He was ridden by a Sioux City jockey. Then Bald Eagle came out. He was a host of horses and showed lack of attention. Little Ben, the crack rider of the nation, was up.

The race started. The Indian's horse made it a procession, and when Pat O'Ryan crossed the line, the dust which Bald Eagle made when he passed under him already settled.

The whites knew something was wrong, but they were outnumbered fifty to one and the Indians took the money. Later the story came out. As soon as the Indians were sure that they would receive the \$100,000 from the government, a syndicate of about a dozen of them sent a horse dealer into Kentucky, with instructions to buy a first class race horse, that looked like old Bald Eagle. It cost them \$2,500, but for that amount they got a speedy animal.

The horse reached the reservation two weeks before the race, and was taken out and put into training. Incidentally he was given the name of Bald Eagle, so that they stuck to their agreement and entered Bald Eagle in the race. Little Ben says the Indians are not responsible if the whites made a mistake and thought the Indians were running old Bald Eagle instead of new Bald Eagle.

Sporting Small Talk.

Joe Gans has arrived in San Francisco and will be present at the ringside when Jimmy Gardner and Mike (Twin) Sullivan fight on Thanksgiving day.

Big Jack Johnson, the California colored heavyweight, intends sailing for England in a few days. He cannot get any matches in this country.

At San Diego, Cal., on Thursday night, Dave Baring and Billy Woods fought a twenty-round draw. Both men were in bad shape at the end of the bout.

Ed. Russell, the pitching "find" of the National League last season, has entered the medical department of Washington University, at St. Louis. He is the son of a wealthy St. Louis business man.

The Pittsburg Base-ball Club has offered \$500 to the First Baseman Nealon, of the San Francisco Club.

Over in Cincinnati the base-ball scries are busy studying Spanish, preparatory to accompanying the Reds on their spring training trip through Mexico. They have gotten far enough to pronounce Mexico "Ma-he-co." The Reds go by rail to New Orleans, thence by steamer to Yucatan, thence to Mexico City. They wind up with a game at Chihuahua.

Elberfeld is the only farmer on the New York American base-ball team. He tills the soil on Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, Tenn.

Catcher Jack O'Connor has been granted a divorce by Judge Fisher, of the Circuit Court, of St. Louis.

Postmaster for Spencer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SPENCER, N. C., Nov. 4.—It is announced here that Mr. J. D. Dorsett, a merchant of this place, has been named as postmaster for Spencer. There has been a general scramble for the office since July 5th, and the appointment comes as a relief to many. The appointment is made, it is stated, upon the recommendation of a Congressman Blackbird, who acted independently of the wishes and recommendations of the Republican Executive Committee of Rowan county. Considerable significance is attached to the statement of some of the leading Republicans that the appointment lacks confirmation.

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CAPT. FISHER.

The above photograph of John R. Fisher, taken at American League Park, who besides being captain of Columbia's football squad, plays half back and full back, shows Columbia's star as he looks on the gridiron. Fisher idolized himself among the students of Columbia last fall when he made several sensational plays in the intercollegiate games.

Captain Fisher is in his second year in Columbia Law School, and has played on the 'varsity team during the past two seasons. Fisher is a native of Swiftwater, Pa., and is trying to live up to the descriptive name of his home town.

ENGLISH SPRINTER HAS SAILED FOR HOME

Morton Won Several Races But
Was Defeated in Fifty-
Yard Scratch.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, November 4.—John W. Morton, the English and Canadian 100-yard champion, who has been running in this country for the past month, has sailed for England.

Morton has won seven first and two second places in the nine races in which he has competed, falling before "Dave" Laton, of Boston, in a 60-yard scratch race in Madison Square Garden, and being beaten in a handicap at Philadelphia by an unknown, who had a start of 9-10 yards. The time in this race was 9-4-5 seconds, and Morton was less than a foot behind.

Without a doubt the handsome Englishman is the fastest sprinter that this country has seen since Arthur Duffy's prime, and although Morton has not equalled the American's time of 9-3-5 for the 100, he defeated him in a majority of the races while Duffy was abroad, in fact Duffy was beaten so continuously by the Englishman that he left the country and went to Australia where he had more chance.

During the short time Morton has been in this country he has made friends everywhere by his generous and sportsmanlike conduct in everything connected with athletics. He is quiet, unassuming and modest to a degree—qualities that add to any man's popularity.

STANFORD STUDENTS TO PLAY BALL IN JAPAN

Californians Contemplate Return-
ing Visit of Waseda Uni-
versity Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., November 4.—Stanford University may send a base-ball team to Japan next summer to play a return series with the Waseda University team, which came here last spring and played Leland Stanford and the University of California. No definite arrangements have been made, but both Manager Barrett, of the Stanford team, and Captain Hershido, of the Japanese team, are in favor of the trip, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made it will undoubtedly be undertaken.

Although the Waseda team is champion of the Japanese colleges, there are many other base-ball teams in Japan, and the Californians would probably be able to get many games. The captain of the Waseda team will publish a book on what he has learned of the game at this country. There was great improvement shown by the Japanese players while they were in this country, and on their home grounds they should be difficult opponents for the Americans.

New First-Baseman for St. Louis Browns.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.—Robert Lee Hedges has added something that looks like a valuable first baseman to his next year's Browns' team. Nordyke is the young man's name. He comes from California and the Pacific Coast League. The records show that Nordyke is an exceptional hard hitter. He batted .304 during last year. In the field he is credited with a percentage of .979. Nordyke is 25 years old. Tom Jones probably will not be with the Browns next year.

PROFESSIONAL TEAMS FOR GRIDIRON GAME

Western Foot-Ball Players Com-
posed of College Graduates
May Come East.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MADISON, WIS., November 4.—It is probable that an all-star western football team will be seen in New York this fall if there is any professional team there which will give the westerners an open date, for if present plans go through at the conclusion of this football season an all-star western football team will be formed to go on a three-weeks' barn-storming tour through the country. The players will consist of college football men who have played their four years, and for this reason, are unable to compete further as amateurs. Thomas Furtelle, of Madison, is a prime mover in the project, and probably will manage the team.

The intention is to start out from Chicago on November 15th and play the teams representing the athletic clubs in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Indianapolis.

Steps have been taken to secure games with each of these teams. Then it is probable that the team will come further East to New York, Philadelphia and Boston. If dates can be given to them by professional teams in those cities.

The following is the line-up of the proposed team: Right-end, Bush, Wisconsin; right-tackle, Berike, Wisconsin; right-guard, Lerum, Wisconsin; center, Kemp, Wisconsin; left-guard, not selected; left-tackle, not selected; left-end, Brush, Minnesota; quarter, Fogg, Wisconsin; right half-back, Houston, Michigan; left half-back, Findley, Wisconsin; full-back, Vanderboom, Wisconsin.

CLIFTON FORGE WINS BAY VIEW HANDICAP

Ten-to-One Shot Defeated Josund
and Race King Under the
Whip.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 4.—Clifton Forge, a 10 to 1 shot, won the Bay View Handicap at Aqueduct to-day, defeating Josund and Race King in a drive. The Sidney Paget entry, Jacobite and Kinleydale ran first and second respectively in the Creedmore stakes.

First race—six and one-half furlongs—Emergency (3 to 5) first, St. Valentine (3 to 1) second, Invincible (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:19-4-6.

Second race—mile—Florida (2 to 1) first, Ivan the Terrible (4 to 1) second, Kille Plat (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:40-2-5.

Third race—The Creedmore stakes, 9 furlongs—Jacobite (1 to 4) first, Kinleydale (1 to 4) second, Yaloral (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:42-5-5.

Fourth race—The Bay View handicap, seven furlongs—Clifton Forge (10 to 1) first, Josund (12 to 5) second, Race King (3 to 5) third. Time, 1:37.

Fifth race—mile and sixteenth—Consuello II (7 to 2) first, Gold Bird (10 to 1) second, Sun Ray (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:48-2-5.

Sixth—six and one-half furlongs—Reldmore (7 to 2) first, Aviston (3 to 1) second, Speed Smith (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:22.

Results at Latonia.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, O., November 4.—Latonia summaries: First race—six furlongs—Marco (2 to 1) first, Phisco (2 to 1) second, Tom Riley (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:16.

Second race—one mile—Sincerity Belle (2 to 1) first, Careless (4 to 5) second, Full Sway (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:25-5-5.

Third race—six furlongs—Minnie Adams (1 to 3) first, Tishimingo (6 to 1) second, Manoeuvre (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:15-1-5.

Fourth race—mile and an eighth; the Cincinnati Hotel autumn handicap—Miss Riley (3 to 1) first, Tarian (8 to 1) second, Coruscate (12 to 5) third. Time, 1:34-3-5.

Fifth race—seven furlongs—Banton (7 to 1) first, Estrella Palma (4 to 1) second, Delacoe (9 to 1) third. Time, 1:27-5-5.

Sixth race—two miles—Male Hanlon (6 to 5) first, Sias Lee (11 to 5) second, Layson (7 to 2) third. Time, 3:32-2-5.

Seventh race—mile and a quarter—St. Noel (2 to 1) first. Time, 1:15.

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